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SUBJECT: BELGIUM REQUESTS DATA ON SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT
IN ANGOLA

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (BILATERAL) VANDEN BLOOCK, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE, ASKED US FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON EXTENT OF SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY AMOUNTS AND KINDS OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT. WE GAVE HIM SKETCHY DATA ON HAND IN EMBASSY AND TOLD HIM WE WOULD SEE IF WE COULD OBTAIN MORE COMPLETE DATA. AMBASSADOR VANDEN BLOOCK TOLD US THAT GOB - SENSITIVE TO MOUNTING PROBLEMS OF ZAIRE GOVERNMENT AND WISHING TO BE HELPFUL - HOPES TO MAKE DECISIONS ON BASIS OF FACTUALLY ACCURATE APPRAISALS OF THE SITUATION. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE US ASAP SUCH INFORMATION AS IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR RELAY TO BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO UPDATE THIS PERIODICALLY FOR THEM.

2. IN RELATED MATTER, VANDEN BLOOCK SAID THAT BELGIUM WAS DELIGHTED WITH REAPPOINTMENT OF NGUZA KARL-I-BOND ZAIRE FOREIGN MINISTER. HE CHARACTERIZED THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER AS "EUROPEAN" AND "WESTERN" IN OUTLOOK, AND ADDED THAT
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EX-FOREIGN MINISTER BULA WAS " TOO AFRICAN" IN HIS APPROACH TO

PROBLEMS. LOCAL PRESS EMPHASIZES NGUZA'S PREVIOUS POSTINGS
IN BELGIUM AND U.S. AND PREDICTS HIS APPOINTMENT PRESAGES NAMING
SOON OF ZAIRE AMBASSADOR TO BRUSSELS.
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